

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Cancelled).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) A purified reaction mixture formed from the alkylation of R-5-(2-aminopropyl)-2-methoxybenzenesulphonamide with a molar excess of 1-(2-bromoethoxy)-2-ethoxybenzene, and optionally further reaction with HCl, the reaction mixture comprising at least 99.5% (R)-tamsulosin hydrochloride and at least some measurable amount of overalkylated products wherein the amount thereof, after purification, is less than 0.1%, and wherein said overalkylated products include bis-(2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy)ethyl substituted derivatives of 4-methoxy-3-sulphonamidobenzene-2-amine wherein any additional (2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy) ethyl substituents are bound to the sulphonamide nitrogen atom or propanamine nitrogen atom of a 4-methoxy-3-sulphonamido benzene-2-amine.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) The reaction mixture according to claim 2 comprising less than 0.02% of 5-(2-(bis-(2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy)ethyl)amino)propyl)-2-methoxybenzenesulphonamide.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented) The reaction mixture according to claim 2 which comprises less than 0.06% of N-(2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy)ethyl)-5-(2-(2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy)ethylamino)propyl)-2-methoxybenzenesulphonamide.

Claims 5 – 14 (Cancelled).

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) A crude reaction mixture formed from the alkylation of R-5-(2-aminopropyl)-2-methoxybenzenesulphonamide with a molar excess of 1-(2-bromoethoxy)-2-ethoxybenzene, and optionally further reaction with HCl, the reaction mixture comprising at least 75% (R)-tamsulosin hydrochloride and at least some measurable amount of overalkylated products comprising less than 5 % by weight of N-(2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy)ethyl)-5-(2-(2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy)ethylamino)propyl)-2-methoxybenzenesulphonamide and less than 6 % by weight of 5-(2-(bis-(2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy)ethyl)amino)propyl)-2-methoxybenzenesulphonamide.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended) A composition comprising at least 99.5% ~~(R)-~~ tamsulosin hydrochloride and at least some measurable amount of overalkylated products of less than 0.1% including 5-(2-(bis-(2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy)ethyl)amino)propyl)-2-methoxybenzenesulphonamide and N-(2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy)ethyl)-5-(2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy)ethylamino)propyl)-2-methoxybenzenesulphonamide.